

# Condensed News of the Week

The World's fair Sunday school convention opened Monday in a huge tent outside Herod's gate at Jerusalem. Archdeacon Sinclair delivered the opening sermon, taking for his text Matthew, chapter 21, verse 15. The attendance included 800 Americans and 500 British. Many other delegates from all quarters of the globe were present.

John Mitchell, the labor leader, made an address before the federation of labor in Denver, in which he denounced Governor Peabody and asked the unionists and republicans to repudiate him. He said that the governor was no friend of the laborer and no friend of law and order.

An Associated press dispatch under date of Telluride, Colo., April 20, says: Adjutant General Bell, Captain Bulkeley Wells, Captain Carlile and Colonel Kennedy, with a guard of seventeen troops, departed today for Denver with President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, to be present at the habeas corpus proceedings in the supreme court tomorrow.

It is announced that the Standard Oil company has planned to lay a pipe from Texas to New York, with branch lines radiating to the various oil fields, so as to handle the entire oil production of the United States. Refineries are to be placed at intervals in the lines. The cost of pumping in this way is said to be about one-tenth of that to ship it.

August St. Gaudens, the sculptor, will design a monument to the late Senator Hanna.

The secretary of the interior has approved the instructions of the commission of the general land office providing for the opening of 2,488,743 acres of land of the former Chippewa Indian reservation in Minnesota.

Representative Rixey of Virginia has introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 to protect the monuments that have been or may be erected on the battlefield of Bull Run, Va.

Commodore William J. Kountz, one of the most widely known men in western Pennsylvania, died at his home in Allegheny after an illness of several weeks' duration.

An unsuccessful effort was made to settle by arbitration the strike of 3,000 men at the yards of the Fore River Ship and Engine company, near Quincy, Mass.

Snow slides are reported from almost every point in the interior of British Columbia. The most serious occurred at Silver Cup mine in the Lardue district. A slide of 1,200 feet came down the mountain side, carrying away blacksmith shops, ore sheds, a quantity of ore, 166 feet of tramway and killed a miner. The total damage will amount to \$65,000.

In the shadow of the majestic shaft of the Washington monument the cornerstone of the Continental hall, which the Daughters of the American Revolution are to build in honor of the heroes of that war, was laid at Washington, D. C., with impressive ceremonies and in the presence of the Daughters from every state of the union, their daughters and their granddaughters.

Paymaster Harris, chief of the naval bureau of supplies and accounts, already has received about \$2,500 in subscriptions to the fund for the benefit of the dependent relatives of the men who lost their lives on the battleship Missouri. This does not include the proceeds from the entertainment given at the Lafayette theatre, which is estimated to be about \$1,600.

The United States government will furnish headstones for the victims of the battleship Missouri. Each stone is inscribed with the name and rating of the deceased, cut in relief with a sunken shield. The headstones will be shipped, freight prepaid by the government, to the railroad station or steamboat landing nearest the residence of the next of kin, with the understanding that they will be received and set at private expense.

Basing his action upon the decision of The Hague tribunal, United States Minister Powell has informed the minister of foreign affairs that in the event of any foreign power seeking to force a settlement of the claims of its citizens and excluding the claims of other nationalities he would

in the name of this government take immediate charge of all the customs houses of such government.

Robert B. Roosevelt, an uncle of President Roosevelt, who was nominated as an elector by the democratic state convention at Albany, N. Y., last week, has declined to accept such nomination because of his relationship to the president.

Physicians who attended Major Hugh C. Dennis, president of the Rialto Grain & Securities company, whose sudden death ended his connection with the case in which United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas was recently convicted, stated that Major Dennis' death resulted from continual brooding over the conviction and sentence of Senator Burton.

An avalanche from the Spitzhorn in Switzerland swept the hamlet of Muehlback. The inhabitants were asleep at the time and thirteen were killed.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Philadelphia, April 18, says: The coinage during the week beginning Monday, April 11, and ending on Saturday, April 16, inclusive, aggregated \$11,302,600 in gold, an average of nearly \$2,000,000 a day. On the last day of this record-breaking week, the coinage was \$2,500,000, also a record-breaker.

The Parkhurst-Davis Mercantile company has filed a suit for \$260,000 against the Topeka Water company because of the alleged low pressure of water during a fire in Topeka, which destroyed the wholesale store of the firm.

The striking coal miners of Iowa have resumed work as a result of an agreement reached at the conference of the operators and miners. The agreement is to remain in force for two years.

Noodle manufacturers of the country have called a meeting to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., to form an amalgamation of interests and make uniform prices on the article manufactured by them.

In a fire which destroyed St. Vincent's hospital at Indianapolis, Ind., many patients who were critically ill were injured and one woman was killed by jumping from a third story window.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Denver, April 21, says: The principal action taken at the meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor was the adoption of a resolution requesting the adoption of the Hitt bill on Chinese exclusion now pending before congress. The action came in the shape of the unanimous adoption of the report of the subcommittee appointed to consider the statutes of the exclusion law.

The annual convention of the nationalist party was held at the Mansion house in Dublin, Ireland. John Redmond presided at the meeting. He said that the question of home rule is again becoming a decided factor in English elections and when the dissolution of parliament comes it will be found to be a decided factor as to what government should rule the empire.

Mrs. Carrie Nation arrived in Chicago recently and will commence an engagement at a dime museum. This is her first appearance in such a capacity. Her salary is \$300 a week.

As a sequel to the recent fire at Toronto, Ontario, an advance of 75 per cent in the insurance rates in the congested district, which is in the business portion of the city, has been decided upon by the underwriters.

Senator Teller has introduced a substitute for the Chinese exclusion provision of the general deficiency bill. The substitute amends the law of 1902 so as to make it independent of treaty obligations.

The block coal miners of district No. 8, in Indiana, have voted to reject the proposition of the operators for a two-year contract under last year's conditions with a 5 per cent reduction in wages.

General Funston, commanding the department of the Columbia, has informed the war department that his investigation of reports of alleged

destitution among the Indians of the Copper river region shows that no unusual conditions exist in that region this year and that such Indians as are in distress owe their condition largely to their own improvidence and lack of foresight.

Passengers arriving from Bluefields bring some details of the seizure of the six British schooners in that harbor, as a result of which Great Britain is to lodge complaint with Nicaragua. The captains of the schooners, when caught, contended that they were fishing in neutral waters; the Nicaraguan commandant said they were confiscating turtles bred in Nicaraguan waters. The net result of the dispute was the seizure of the schooners and the incarceration of their crews in the jail at Bluefields.

The popular fund for the benefit of the survivors and the dependent relatives of the victims of the Missouri disaster will be disbursed by the Naval Aid society, an organization especially equipped for such service. The money now in hand amounts to about \$4,400.

Frederick Leyland & Co. (limited), the first British line purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan, when forming the shipping combine, issued a report for the thirteen months ending with December. The directors say that even after drawing \$1,347,500 from the reserve it is only possible to pay the preferred dividend for six months.

Disgraceful scenes, caused by the Czechs and socialists, took place in the Austrian reichsrath. The sitting had to be suspended.

C. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, has been removed from Denver in the custody of the troops at that place and will be imprisoned again at Telluride, pending the decision of the court.

Mathematicians who want to figure out the duration of the Russo-Japanese war with the British-Boer war as a basis will have to do some lively figuring. Great Britain had 410 men for every burgher in the Transvaal, and it took her more than two years and a billion dollars to conquer the hardy Dutchmen. Russia has three men to Japan's one, and nobody disputes that the Japanese are pretty good fighters. There's the basis for calculation. Now figure it out.

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